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MEETING

REF A, STATE 173003 B, STATE 175394

1. SUBSTANCE OF REFTELS CONVEYED TO RIBERHOLDT OF MINISTRY FOREIGN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ON JULY 25 BEFORE HE DEPARTED FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING.

2. RE POINTS CONTAINED IN COMPROMISE PROPOSAL (PARA 1, REF A), RIBERHOLDT SAID DENMARK WILLING TO ACCEPT ALMOST ANY OF THE IDEAS THUS FAR ADVANCED. DENMARK, FOR EXAMPLE, CAN AGREE TO RE-DEFINITION OF "ABSOLUTELY UNAVAILABLE OIL STOCKS" FROM 10 TO 5 PERCENT PROVIDED THIS REVISION COUPLED WITH GENUINE PROGRESS TOWARD RAISING EMERGENCY RESERVES.

3. AS FOR TARGET OF 9 DAYS RESERVES BY 1979 OR 1980, DENMARK CAN ACCEPT EITHER YEAR NOW, WITH OR WITHOUT SPECIFIC INTERMEDIATE TARGET DATES.

4. DENMARK DOES NOT SHARE U.S. BELIEF THAT AMENDING DEFINITION OF ABSOLUTELY UNAVAILABLE OIL STOCKS FROM 10 PERCENT TO FIVE WOULD DISCREDIT IEA. RIBERHOLDT THINKS DELAY IN MEETING STATED GOALS CAUSED BY PROTRACTED DEBATE ON POINTS OF THIS KIND IS MUCH MORE DAMAGING TO IEA'S "MORAL FIBER".

5. USING REF B AS POINT OF DEPARTURE, RIBERHOLDT GENERALIZED AS FOLLOWS ON DANISH ATTITUDES TOWARDS ENERGY NEGOTIATIONS:

A. DENMARK WHICH CAN LIVE WITH ALMOST ANY PROCEDURAL COMPROMISE, HAS "LIMITED ENTHUSIASM" FOR PROCEDURAL DISCUSSIONS AND LAMENT CONTINUAL SHADOW BOXING ON ENERGY ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THAT BETWEEN U.S. AND FRANCE. MAIN NEED NOW IS FOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES TO WORK OUT SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS.

B. DENMARK IS OPPOSED TO DEADLINES ON CONSUMER-PRODUCER DISCUSSION AS THEY CONTRIBUTE LITTLE TO ACHIEVEMENT OF SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS. (RIBERHOLDT DID SAY THAT WHILE DENMARK IS OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO SETTING TIME LIMITS, IT COULD GO ALONG WITH A ONE-YEAR TIME FRAME FOR WORK OF THE THREE COMMISSIONS DESCRIBED IN REF B IN THE EVENT THE PREPCOM VOTES TO SET A CONFIDENTIAL

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LIMIT.)

C. IN SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS FOR COMMISSIONS AND MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OR ANY OTHER RELEVANT BODIES, DENMARK WILL INSIST THAT EC BE CONSIDERED AS ONE REPRESENTATIVE OR AS NINE. IT WILL NOT ACCEPT A NUMBER IN BETWEEN.
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